By the King.

WHereas the Kings Maieſtie, for the better reliefe and ſuſtentation of the poorer ſort of people within this his Kingdome, in this time of ſcarcitie and dearth of Corne and Graine, did out of his Princely and gracious diſpoſition, lately cauſe certaine Orders to bee generally publiſhed and ſent into all the Counties, Cities, and principall places of this Realme for the ſeruing of the Markets from time to time with conuenient quantities of Corne and Graine, whereby the poore might be chiefly prouided for with ſo much thereof, as ſhould be neceſſary for them at reaſonable rates: And whereas it hath pleaſed God to giue this yeere greater increaſe of Barley then of other Graines, which of it ſelfe, or being mingled with Wheat or Rye, will make good Bread, eſpecially for the poorer ſort of people: His Maieſtie is giuen to vnderſtand, that of this great quantitie of Barley (whereof the greateſt part ought and might be made into Bread as aforeſaid) much is by the infinite multitude of Maultſters, like to bee turned into Mault as hitherto it hath bene, and then againe by common Bruers brued into ſtrong Beere and Ale, which conſumes double the Mault that is needfull, and ſerues not for vſe, but for drunkenneſſe and exceſſe; Although both by the Lawes now in force, and by the ſaid Orders lately publiſhed, there is prouiſion againſt theſe abuſes. His Maieſtie therefore continuing his Princely care for the preſeruation and reliefe of his poore Subiects, And to the ende that the great waſte and conſumption of Barley in making of Mault may be preuented, and that the poore may haue ſufficient ſtore of Barley to make Bread for their ſuſtenance at reaſonable prices, in this time of ſcarcity of Wheat and Rye, hath therefore thought good, and by this his Proclamation doth ſtraitly charge and command all Juſtices of Peace, Maiors, Conſtables, Headboroughes, and other his Officers to whom it appertaineth, That they forthwith after the publiſhing of this his Proclamation, doe carefully and diligently cauſe the Lawes and Statutes of this his Realme, concerning Mault and Maultſters, and concerning the Aſſize and price of Beere, to bee put in due execution. And by all meanes to diminiſh the number of Maultſters, and to eſtabliſh good Orders to ſuch as they ſhall allow ſtill to Mault for the ſparing of Barley, as much as may be, As alſo to ſee that common Bruers, Alehouſe keepers, and all others that ſell Ale or Beere, make their Beere and Ale not too ſtrong, but of ſuch rate and price, as may occaſion leaſt expence of Mault, and whereby they may utter their Beere at low and reaſonable prices, that the poorer ſort may haue the greater proportion for their money.

And his Maieſtie doth likewiſe ſtraitly charge and command all Maultſters, common Bruers, Alehouſe keepers, and ſuch as ſell Beere or Ale, to obſerue and keepe aſwell the Lawes and Statutes of this Realme in that behalfe made, as his Maieſties ſaid Orders lately publiſhed, and all other Orders and directions of the ſaid Juſtices of Peace, Maiors, Bayliffes and other Officers hereafter to bee made, according to his Maieſties gratious commandement in this Proclamation conteined.

Giuen vnder our hand at Thetford the xij. day of December, in the ſixt yeere of our Reigne of great Britaine, France and Ireland.

God ſaue the King.

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